

Notice of Exemption

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State Clearinghouse Number: N/A

Project Title: Oak Canyon Creek Routine Maintenance Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0238-R5)

Project Location (include county): The project is located within the Oak Canyon flood channel a tributary to the Arroyo Simi, starting from 251 Longbranch Road and ending at 209 Rangely Court, Simi Valley, Ventura County, California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0238-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Montgomery Ranch Homeowners Association as represented by Tom Langford. The project consists of routine maintenance activities include selective trimming of native vegetation and removal of dead wood, sediment, debris, and non-native plants along the 2200-foot riparian corridor. Approximately 100 cubic yards of debris shall be removed from the stream. Activities will be conducted in sections along the riparian corridor. Trees indicated in the original Notification were removed under the Emergency Notification (1600-2020-0006-R5) due to fire and flood hazards. Annual maintenance will be performed on an as needed basis between September 15th and February 15th, outside the bird nesting season and while the streambed is dry.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Montgomery Ranch Homeowners Association as represented by Tom Langford.

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (4); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15304)

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land water, and/or vegetation which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. The project consists of routine maintenance activities include selective trimming of native vegetation and removal of dead wood, sediment, debris, and non-native plants along the 2200-foot riparian corridor. Approximately 100 cubic yards of debris shall be removed from the stream. These minor alterations in land, water, and vegetation facilitate an improvement of habitat for wildlife species along the Oak Canyon flood channel.

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